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15 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director National Photographic Interpretation Center

SUBJECT : FY-1970 Miscellaneous Services Contract with [REDACTED]

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1. This memorandum requests approval for the commitment of funds for a follow-on Time & Materials Contract with [REDACTED] to provide support in imagery experimentation. The specific request is stated in paragraph 7.

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2. [REDACTED] technical services are required to support experimental studies being conducted under contract with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] cannot furnish the required technical photographic support directly because of the nature of their resources. In this case, it is to NPIC's advantage to do the contracting since an [REDACTED] subcontract with [REDACTED] would be administratively and financially inefficient on a contract of this size.

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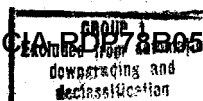
3. a. Although the details of [REDACTED] support to [REDACTED] are not known at this time, future tasking can be projected utilizing past experience. [REDACTED] experimental studies involve target imagery collection. [REDACTED] is familiar with the Center's operations and documentation; as a consequence, little interference with the PI work schedule is required. [REDACTED] personnel will perform their tasks primarily in NPIC's library reviewing past PI reports and imagery, and in their own photographic laboratory, thereby not wasting NPIC operational time. After this stimulus acquisition phase is completed, it is anticipated that [REDACTED] will assist in administering the testing of NPIC interpreters during experiments to compare line-scan and photographic imagery as intelligence sources. Subsequently, it may also be required that [REDACTED] perform liaison with DDI and/or DDS&T analysts in evaluating PI results, and assist in the ground order-of-battle experiments.

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b. By utilizing this division of manpower in such studies, NPIC saves money and gains efficiency. [REDACTED] performs the more difficult phases of experimental design and data analysis, whereas, [REDACTED] fills in with the stimulus generation legwork and data collection. These latter activities do not require the higher-priced academic talent found at [REDACTED]

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c. Time delays will be experienced and relevant competence will be lost if [redacted] is not allowed to contribute to this program. Company personnel have become extremely perceptive as to R&D study requirements and have learned to deal very effectively with Center operational components. The loss of [redacted] in these vital capacities would significantly detract from NPIC's current and future R&D effort.

4. Proposals were not requested from other firms in this case. The knowledge and experience acquired by [redacted] from participation in the previous experiments and studies conducted by [redacted] is unique and essential to the current [redacted] contract.

5. The need for follow-on action in FY-71 cannot be established at this time.

6. [redacted] The Project Officer will assign security classifications as appropriate.

7. It is requested that the negotiation with [redacted] for a contract to conduct the program described, at a cost not to exceed [redacted] be approved.

[redacted]  
Chief, Technical Services & Support Group, NPIC

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Director

National Photographic Interpretation Center

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